



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 28 September 2021



**SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND
MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island Council held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28 September 2021

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.08pm.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

2.1 Record of Attendance

Shire President

Deputy President

Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Philip **WOO**

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Cr Morgan Boon Hwa **SOH**

Cr Farzian **ZAINAL**

Cr Azmi **YON**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Chief Executive Officer

Manager Finance and Admin

Manager Community/Recreation Services

Manager Works, Services & Waste

David **PRICE**

So Hon **GAN**

Olivier **LINES**

Graeme **HEDDITCH**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

2.3 **Apologies**

Manager of Governance, Research, Policy and Grants

Chris **SU**

2.4 **Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest**

Crs THOMSON, FOO, WOO, LEE, MASLI, SOH, YON and SAW all declared a proximity interest in agenda item 10.1.1

Crs FOO, LEE, MASLI, YON and WOO all declared a financial interest in agenda item 10.1.5

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr ZAINAL asked if the proposed road works for Dolly/Greta Beach Road could be postponed for a week due to the number of visitors on the Island for Territory day. The Manager for Works and Services indicated that it was necessary to have the work scheduled within the Public Notice period to ensure the completion of the sealing works before the wet season.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Application for Leave of Absence-Cr Woo

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr **YON**

Seconded: Cr **FOO**

Res. No: **79/21**

That Cr WOO be granted Leave of Absence from 15th October 2021 to 26th October 2021

Carried: **9/0**

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 August 2021

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No:

80/21

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 24 August 2021 Council Meeting.

Carried: 9/0

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- 8.1 Voting on the Christmas Island Bag Limits Fishing Ordinance 2021 Letters exchanged between the Shire, 23 September 2021, and Assistant Minister Nola Marino, 24 September, have been circulated to members of Council, CCC members and Fisheries Management Committee members.

The ballot of all Island residents will be conducted in the week commencing 18 October. Islanders can Vote at the Shire Library from Monday 18 October to Friday 22 October and on Saturday 23 October at the Poon Saan Community Hall.

- 8.2 The Marine Park proposals for Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands are subject to public comment. The government hopes to make a declaration of the Marine Parks in the new year. Please refer to the Department of Environment website for details about making submissions and participating in the public consultation period.

- 8.3 Territory Week kicks off this week-end. The official opening ceremony at the CLA Foreshore on Friday 1 October at 6:30PM will feature traditional performances of Lion Dance, Kumpang, Silat, Chinese and Malay Dances and performances by our Special Guests from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Please refer to your Territory Week programme for details of the full week of activities. The programme was included as an enclosure in *The Islander*, Issue Number 743 of 10 September 2021 and notices in *The Islander*, Issue Number 744 of 24 September.

- 8.4 The official opening of the Foreshore Padang kicks off at 2:30PM this Saturday 2 October with music and a sausage sizzle. I would like to record the Council's appreciation of the work of our Shire staff, planners and designers and contractors who have delivered this much needed community recreation area from our own resources.

- 8.5 The Christmas Island Marathon was a great success. I would like to record the Council's great appreciation of the work of our Shire staff, Parks and Gardens and Civil Works teams, Darren, Garry, Wei, Suzane, Rostyna, Ling, Shazmin and Chris who were led admirably by Olivier Lines. It was a great event that engaged many volunteers from community organisations and services, individuals and councillors to make it all work. Thank you one and all.

- 8.6 I would like to record the Council's appreciation of the Civil Works department's achievements in the completion of the major roadworks on Lily Beach Road and the commencement of the construction of the new section of Dolly Beach Road that will provide a safer transit of the steep decline to the lower shore section of Dolly Beach Road when the work is completed. This has been a long time coming. Congratulate the CEO, managers and staff in obtaining the

funding and committing to the mobilisation of staff and resources required to resolve this historical problem.

8.7 I have received a letter from the Youth Affairs Council of WA and the Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network of WA and their Report 2020 Christmas Island 'Youth Taking Charge' Youth Summit. This is a powerful report of our Island Youth's deliberations on the issues of concern to them. The letter invites the Shire Council to amplify the voice of young Christmas Islanders as they pursue the issues of concern for them. The Report contains some recommendations about how the Shire might contribute to the resolution of some of those issues. The Council needs to engage directly with the youth of Christmas Island. The Report and requests made to the Shire should be the subject of a future report to Council about actions Council might take in response to the Report. As tonight's Council meeting will be the last Ordinary Council meeting before the Shire Election on 16 October, it will be a matter for the next Council to determine what actions the Council will take in response to the Report.

8.8 I thank the CEO and all of the staff of the Shire for your dedication to the performance of your work for the people of the Island. Your work is our glory. Thank you.

I thank Councillors for your participation and service to the community as members of the Council. I would like to record my appreciation of your courtesy, support and commitment to the business of our Council. I will be a candidate in the election. I hope to see you all again in this Chamber after the Election.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Proposed Shire of Christmas Island – UCIW Enterprise Agreement 2021-2023

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 81/21

That:

1. The proposed Shire of Christmas Island – Union of Christmas Island Workers Enterprise Agreement 2021-2023 as tabled is noted.
2. Council adopts the proposed Shire of Christmas Island – Union of Christmas Island Workers Enterprise Agreement 2021-2023 and,
3. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to ensure the Pre-Approval steps are carried out, and to sign and lodge the Shire of Christmas Island – Union of Christmas Island Workers Enterprise Agreement 2021-2023 with Fair Work Australia once those Pre-Approval steps have been completed and the employees have voted to endorse the agreement.

Carried: 9/0

10.1.2 Appointment of Acting CEO

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 82/21

That Council appoints the Manager Finance and Administration, Ms Gan So Hon as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the periods 25th October 2021 to 29th October 2021 and that the applicable higher duties apply.

Carried: 9/0

7.50pm

Crs FOO, LEE, MASLI, YON and WOO declared a Financial Interest in Agenda Item 10.1.5 and left the meeting.

10.1.5 Proposed Amendment to the Light Industrial Area

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	Res. No:	/21
a) Council endorses the SOCI recommendations in response to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the 14 April 2021 Phosphate Resources Ltd. (PRL) submission andthe 6 May 2021 Eco Crab Industries (ECI) submission both made in relation to the March 2021 Proposed Amendment to the Light Industrial Area.			
b) The SOCI to issue attachment 10.1.1.2. to PRL and attachment 10.1.1.3. to ECI as formal response to their respective submission.			
c) Council endorses the June 2021 Proposed Amendment to the Light Industrial Area (The Report) and its proposed Actions as input into the Christmas island Strategic Assessment (CISA) Land Use Plan (LUP), the Review of the 2015 Local Planning Strategy and ultimately the formulation of the Local Planning Scheme No.3 (LPS No.3).			
d) The SOCI to issue the endorsed Report to the DITRDC as SOCI's formal input into the CISA Land Use Plan for the LIA, Hospital, Taman Sweetland Circuit and Phosphate Hill Historic areas.			
e) The SOCI to formally engage with the DITRDC to progress Actions 1 and 2 on page 8 of the Report.			
Carried: /0			

The motion was not able to be considered due to the meeting not having a quorum of Councillors in attendance.

7.50pm

Crs FOO, LEE, MASLI, YON and WOO returned to the meeting.

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – August 2021

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr SAW	Res. No:	83/21
That Council approves the expenditure as presented in August 2021 Schedule of Accounts			
Carried: 9/0			

10.2.2 Financial Statements - August 2021

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr MASLI	Seconded: Cr WOO	Res. No:	84/21
That Council receives the Financial Statements of August 2021 for the Municipal Fund.			
Carried: 9/0			

10.2.3 Assets Write Off 2020/21

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr SOH	Seconded: Cr LEE	Res. No:	85/21
Council approves to write off the assets of 2020/21 as set out in the attachment to this report.			
Carried: 9/0			

- 10.3 Manager Community/Recreation Services & Training**
- 10.4 Manager Works, Services & Waste**
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The Shire President closed the meeting at 8.10pm
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